

may not absent themselves without notifying the convention.

Mr. SYKES was excused.

Mr. KEEFER asked to be excused for to-morrow.

The request was granted.

Mr. McCOMAS asked to be excused until Monday noon.

The request was granted.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles, asked to be excused until Tuesday morning on account of indisposition from recent illness.

The request was granted.

Mr. ABBOTT. I move that those who have been excused, be also excused from voting upon the question of adjournment.

Mr. KENNARD asked to be excused until Monday morning.

The request was granted.

Mr. RIDGELY. I ask leave to be excused from attendance on Monday next, as I cannot make a connection to get here on that day. I mean to be here to-day and to-morrow.

The request was granted.

The question was then taken on the order to adjourn until Monday, and the result was—yeas 44, nays 29—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Chambers, Clark, Crawford, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Edelen, Gale, Harwood, Hatch, Henkle, Hodson, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsy, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, Landske, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulikin, Parran, Ridgely, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Sykes, Todd, Turner, Wickard—44.

*Nays*—Abbott, Annan, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hebb, King, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Miller, Murray, Negley, Nymen, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Smith, of Carroll, Stockbridge, Swope, Wooden—29.

When their names were called,

Mr. CLARKE said: Having been excused from attendance, I think it is proper that I should be excused from voting; but as that is not to be expected, I will vote "aye."

Mr. McCOMAS said: I ask to be excused from voting, having been excused from attendance.

Not being excused, he voted "no."

Mr. MULLIKIN said: I see very clearly that we shall not have a quorum to-morrow; and I vote "aye."

Mr. STIRLING said: I am satisfied we shall not have a quorum. I am not willing to run the risk of being left here; and vote "aye."

Mr. TODD. I should prefer to be excused from voting; but as there appears to be an indisposition to excuse members from voting who were excused from attendance, and in view of the fact that it is rather doubtful whether there will be a quorum here to-mor-

row, and being unwilling to afflict unnecessarily those who remain, I vote "aye."

Mr. WICKARD. I am quite confident that there will be no quorum here to-night or to-morrow. The result will be as it was last Friday night and Saturday. I therefore vote "aye."

The order was accordingly adopted.

On motion of Mr. RIDGELY,

It was ordered to be entered upon the journal that Mr. Hoffman, of Baltimore county, is detained from his seat in this convention by reason of the dangerous illness of a member of his family.

On motion of Mr. DUVALL,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Mr. Peter is detained from his seat in this convention on account of indisposition.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. STIRLING. I move to postpone all prior business in order that we may proceed to standing orders upon their third reading.—We have several reports standing upon their third reading; and unless we take them up soon we shall have all the argument at the tail end of the session.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I hope that motion will not prevail. There are several of these reports which have been printed as ordered to be engrossed, upon their second reading, and laid upon our tables. So far as I am concerned, not supposing the regular order of business would be interrupted, I have not examined these reports, going over them carefully as I designed to do upon their third reading; and I presume that is the case with other members of the convention. As this is to be the final form of them, I think it is proper that every member should go over them carefully and examine every word before they are put upon their third reading. They cannot be amended after that. That finally disposes of them. It would suit me much better to have this made the special order of the day for a time certain, when we shall have completed the present report, or at some hour on Monday, to allow some little interval to enable every member to make this critical examination of them which it is important should be made by every member. Until that is done I hope the reports will not be taken up. I think we should lose time by it.

Mr. HEBB. I would suggest that the convention take up the report of the committee on State's attorneys.

Mr. STIRLING. I am not in favor of taking up any other report on its second reading.—I do not desire to press my motion.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. There are at least three reports unacted upon.

The PRESIDENT. The report on State's Attorneys, on the Militia and on Usury, are on their second reading.